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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**PROCLAMATION**  
by the  
Governor of the State of California

**WHEREAS**, in California, drowning is a leading cause of injury related deaths among children under the age of five; and

**WHEREAS**, each year in California, more than 80 children under the age of five lose their lives in drowning accidents; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of child drownings occur in residential swimming pools; and

**WHEREAS**, children who survive drowning accidents often suffer permanent brain damage; and

**WHEREAS**, drowning accidents tend to occur during the warm weather months of April through October; and

**WHEREAS**, the Drowning Prevention Foundation, in cooperation with the Department of Developmental Services, has developed a public education awareness program to help prevent drowning;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GRAY DAVIS**, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim May 2002 as "Drowning Prevention Month."



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 1st day of May 2002.

*Gray Davis*

Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

*Bill Jones*  
Secretary of State